

2013: H.R. 967, amended, to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to authorize activities for support of networking and information technology research, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 406 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 108.

Pages H2048–53, H2054–55

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 163, electing a Member to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. Page H2055

Recess: The House recessed at 3:35 p.m. and reconvened at 6:01 p.m. Page H2063

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2053–54, H2054, and H2054–55. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—PUBLIC AND OUTSIDE WITNESSES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing for public and outside witnesses. Testimony was heard from public and outside witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—USDA BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the USDA Budget. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Thomas Vilsack, Secretary; Joseph Glauber, Chief Economist; and Michael Young, Budget Officer.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET OVERVIEW

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from Chuck Hagel, Secretary, Department of Defense; General Martin E. Dempsey, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, United States Army; and Robert Hale, Undersecretary, Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS—UNITED STATES COAST GUARD FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on United States Coast Guard Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr., Commandant United States Coast Guard.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF LABOR BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Department of Labor Budget. Testimony was heard from Seth D. Harris, Acting Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Department of Labor.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FISCAL YEAR 2014 REQUEST

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development held a hearing on Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2014 Request. Testimony was heard from Ray LaHood, Secretary, Department of Transportation.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2014 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of the Navy. Testimony was heard from General James F. Amos, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps, U.S. Marine Corps; Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, U.S. Navy; Ray Mabus, Secretary of the Navy.

READINESS POSTURE OF THE U.S. ARMY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “The Readiness Posture of the U.S. Army”. Testimony was heard from Brigadier General Walter E. Fountain, Acting Deputy Director, U.S. Army National Guard; Lieutenant General James L. Huggins, Jr., Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, U.S. Army; Lieutenant General Raymond V. Mason, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, U.S. Army; Major General Luis R. Visot, Deputy Commanding General for Operations, U.S. Army Reserve.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2014 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for Department of Defense Science and Technology Programs”. Testimony was heard from RADM Matthew Klunder, Chief of Naval Research, U.S. Department of the Navy; Mary Miller, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research and Technology, U.S. Army; Arati Prabhakar, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency; Alan Shaffer, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering; David Walker, Deputy Assistant Secretary of

the Air Force for Science, Technology and Engineering, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Acquisition.

THE PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2014 REVENUE AND ECONOMIC POLICY PROPOSALS

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The President's Fiscal Year 2014 Revenue and Economic Policy Proposals". Testimony was heard from Jacob J. Lew, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

KEEPING COLLEGE WITHIN REACH: THE ROLE OF FEDERAL STUDENT AID PROGRAMS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training held a hearing entitled "Keeping College Within Reach: The Role of Federal Student Aid Programs". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONTINUING INVESTIGATION INTO THE FUNGAL MENINGITIS OUTBREAK AND WHETHER IT COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "A Continuing Investigation into the Fungal Meningitis Outbreak and Whether It Could Have Been Prevented". Testimony was heard from Margaret A. Hamburg, MD, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a markup on H.R. 3, the "Northern Route Approval Act". The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

EXAMINING COMMUNITY BANK REGULATORY BURDENS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled "Examining Community Bank Regulatory Burdens". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DOES DOD-FRANK AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNMENT TO BREAK UP FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS?

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Who is Too Big to Fail: Does Dodd-Frank Authorize the Government to Break Up Financial Institutions?". Testimony was heard from Scott G. Alvarez, General Counsel, Federal Reserve Board of Governors; Richard J. Osterman, Jr., Acting General

Counsel, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and James Wigand, Director, Office of Complex Financial Institutions, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

CHINA'S RAPID POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ADVANCES IN CENTRAL ASIA AND RUSSIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a hearing entitled "China's Rapid Political and Economic Advances in Central Asia and Russia". Testimony was heard from Stephen J. Blank, Research Professor of National Security Affairs, U.S. Army War College; and public witnesses.

KENYA'S 2013 ELECTIONS: AN EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE MODEL

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations held a hearing entitled "Kenya's 2013 Elections: An Effective Assistance Model?". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISMANAGEMENT AT THE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Mismanagement at the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ABUSIVE PATENT LITIGATION: THE ISSUES IMPACTING AMERICAN COMPETITIVENESS AND JOB CREATION AT THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION AND BEYOND

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet held a hearing entitled "Abusive Patent Litigation: The Issues Impacting American Competitiveness and Job Creation at the International Trade Commission and Beyond". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 250, to amend the Antiquities Act of 1906 to place additional requirements on the establishment of national monuments under that Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 382, the "Preserve Land Freedom for Americans Act"; H.R. 432, to prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in Nevada except by express authorization of Congress; H.R. 758, the "Utah Land Sovereignty Act"; H.R. 1512, the

“New Mexico Land Sovereignty Act”; H.R. 1434, the “Montana Land Sovereignty Act”; H.R. 1439, the “Idaho Land Sovereignty Act”; H.R. 1459, the “Ensuring Public Involvement in the Creation of National Monuments Act”; H.R. 855, the “San Antonio Missions National Historical Park Boundary Expansion Act of 2013”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Labrador, Stewart, Daines, Gosar, Chaffetz, Foxx, and Doggett; John Jones, Commissioner, Carbon County, UT; Molly Ward, Mayor, City of Hampton, VA; and a public witness.

NORTHERN ROUTE APPROVAL ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 3, the “Northern Route Approval Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION; FOUR POWER MARKETING ADMINISTRATIONS; AND U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY’S WATER PROGRAM PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2014 SPENDING PRIORITIES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing entitled “Examining the Proposed Fiscal Year 2014 Spending, Priorities and the Missions of the Bureau of Reclamation; the Four Power Marketing Administrations; and the U.S. Geological Survey’s Water Program”. Testimony was heard from Michael L. Connor, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation; Bill Drummond, Administrator, Bonneville Power Administration, Mark Gabriel, Administrator, Western Area Power Administration; Christopher Turner, Acting Administrator, Southwestern Power Administration; Kenneth Legg, Administrator, Southeastern Power Administration; and Jerad Bales, Acting Associate Director for the Water Mission Area, U.S. Geological Survey.

ASSESSING THE FEDERAL EFFORTS TO MINIMIZE THE SEQUESTER’S IMPACT ON ACCESS TO OUR NATION’S CAPITAL AND NATIONAL TREASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Open to Visitors? Assessing the Federal Efforts to Minimize the Sequester’s Impact on Access to Our Nation’s Capital and National Treasures”. Testimony was heard from David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration; Jonathan B. Jarvis, Director, National Park Service; and G. Wayne Clough, Secretary, Smithsonian Institution.

CYBER INTELLIGENCE SHARING AND PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 624, the “Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act”. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structure rule for H.R. 624. The rule provides for one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–7 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in a nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rogers (MI), and Representatives Ruppertsberger, Barton, Schiff, Schakowsky, Franks (AZ), Jackson Lee, Polis, and Johnson (GA).

ASSESSING THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF WIND ENERGY INCENTIVES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Oversight and Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Assessing the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Wind Energy Incentives”. Testimony was heard from Frank Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and the Environment, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

FOUNDATIONS FOR A NEW WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “The Foundations for a New Water Resources Development Act”. Testimony was heard from Harry Simmons, Mayor, Caswell Beach, NC; and public witnesses.

FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE U.S. COAST GUARD AND RELATED MARINE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2014 budget request for the U.S. Coast Guard and related marine transportation programs. Testimony was heard from Admiral Robert Papp, Commandant, United States Coast Guard; Master Chief Michael Leavitt, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, United States Coast Guard; David Matsuda, Administrator, Maritime Administration; and Mario Cordero, Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 569, the "Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2013"; H.R. 570, the "American Heroes COLA Act"; H.R. 602, the "Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act"; H.R. 671, the "Ruth Moore Act of 2013"; H.R. 679, the "Honor America's Guard-Reserve Retirees Act"; H.R. 733, the "Access to Veterans Benefits Improvement Act"; H.R. 894, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the supervision of fiduciaries of veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and H.R. 1405, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include an appeals form in any notice of decision issued for the denial of a benefit sought. Testimony was heard from Representatives Johnson (OH), Pingree, and Walz; David R. McLenachen, Director, Pension and Fiduciary Service, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

IMPLEMENTATION OF 2012 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE REFORMS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on the Implementation of 2012 Unemployment Insurance Reforms. Testimony was heard from Bill Starks, Director, Unemployment Insurance Division, Utah Department of Workforce Services; Tommy Williams, Texas State Senator; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D277)

S. 716, to modify the requirements under the STOCK Act regarding online access to certain financial disclosure statements and related forms. Signed on April 15, 2013. (Public Law 113–7)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the National Guard and Reserve, 9 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Education, 10 a.m., SD–138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a briefing on the situation in Syria, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2 p.m., SR–232A.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine nuclear forces and policies in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC–217, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine helping homeowners harmed by foreclosures, focusing on ensuring accountability and transparency in foreclosure reviews, part 2, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to consider the nomination of Sylvia Mathews Burwell, of West Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the future of passenger rail, focusing on what's next for the Northeast Corridor, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2014, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Homeland Security; to be immediately followed by a